bearing current accounts and no credit facilities will be provided by banks against the EEFC balances.

(c) The balances in EEFC accounts were equivalent to Rs. 8959 crore as on August 11, 2000. They were sealed down to Rs. 4560 crore by October 20, 2000, in response to the directives of the RBI.

Proposal of FIs regarding divesting shares of PSUs

2430. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the financial institution like UTI, GIC and LIC for adopting the mutual fund route for warehousing of shares to be divested by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the norms of PSUs which should be divested;

(c) whether Government have considered the proposals of these financial institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (e) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacancies in Central Government Offices in North-Eastern Region

2431. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength against number of vacancies in each of the Central Government Department and institutes/agencies in the North-Eastern Region category-wise and action taken to fill them up; and

(b) the special recruitment drive, if any, to recruit qualified youth of the region to man the offices as well as field activities where posting of staff could not be ensured from other region due to fear psychosis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Data of State-wise strength and vacancies in Central Government Departments is not compiled. Information based on data in respect of North-Eastern Region compiled by Ministry of Home Affairs is given in the annexed Statement. *(See below)* Central Government Departments/

Ministries are expected to fill up the vacancies on need basis on the basis of prescribed recruitment rules.

Statement

Category-wise total strength against number of vacancies in Central Government Offices in North-East region

Name of the Deptt./Ministry	Cadre-wise strength				Vacancies			
	Group "A"	Group "B"	Group "C"	Group "D"	Group "A"	Group "B"	Group "C"	Group "D"
Deptt. of Agriculture & Coop.	4	8	39	28	1	3	13	2
NEC Secretariat	32	23	111	46	14	1	9	1
Department of Food & Civil Supply	5	6	20	18	2	2	6	1
Food Corporation of India	65	224	1544	2253	10	39	—	445
Central Warehousing Corpn.	4	5	60	62	2	—	10	0
Survey of India	18	35	469	579	11	6	54	13
Indian Bureau of Mines	1	1	4	2	0	1	0	0
Geological Survey of India	47	17	709	238	14	0	144	11
Department of Small Scale Industries, Agro & Rural Industries	52	60	188	69	25	34	79	8
Ministry of Industry (Deptt. of Explosives)	4	—	7	3	2	—	—	—
Department of Posts	36	44	6445	2033	4	5	427	92
Department of Supply	2	9	7	4	1	7	—	—
Department of Telecommunications	169	719	6327	2716	7	173	1177	598
Indian Bureau of Mines	1	1	4	2	—	1	—	—
Geological Survey of India	96	34	405	237	14	—	82	10
Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghathan	44	—	58	69	19	—	12	9
Department of Youth Affairs (Sports Authority of India)	8	2	26	80	—	—	—	—
Department of Economic Affairs (National Savings Organisation)	3	9	41	12	2	—	8	1
Ministry of Urban Development (Central Public Works Department)	41	124	509	176	5	33	173	48
Housing & Urban Development (HUDCO)	12	2	11	5	2	—	1	—
Department of Explosives	4	—	7	3	1	1	—	—
Min. of Health & Family Welfare (Govt. Medical Store Depot, Guwahati)	2	7	98	91	—	—	9	3
Min. of HRD (Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghathan)	44	—	58	69	19	—	12	9
Sports Authority of India	8	2	26	80	—	—	—	—
Deptt. of Economic Affairs (Life Insurance Corporation of India)	423	557	2259	462	—	—	—	—
General Insurance Corpn. of India	404	516	1248	381	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	1529	2405	20680	9718	155	306	2216	1251

Name of the Deptt./Ministry	Total Strength	Vacancies
Min. of Petroleum & NG	28730	341
North Eastern Marketing Corporation Ltd.	3	0
The Central Social Welfar Board	21	6
National Institute of Public Co-Operation & Child Development	40	4
India Meterological Department	57	4
Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd.	3	0
Ministry of Coal	4549	0
Ministry of Surface Transport (Roads Wing)	26	3
Border Roads Development Board	8	1
Directorate of Border Roads	24343	6550
Inland Waterways Authority of India	20	—
Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd.	127	4
Office of the Chief Controller of Accounts	10	—
Ministry of Urban Development (National Building Construction Corporation)	128	—
Ministry of Power	22	—
National Hydroelectric Power Corporation	1803	—
North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation	3801	946
Central Electricity Authority	49	19
Power-Grid Corporation of India Limited	1033	—
Department of Small Scale Industries, AGRO & Rural Industries (The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd.)	39	—
Indian Institute of Intrepreneurship, Guwahati	56	8
Khadi & Village Industries Commission	41	25
Department of Electronics	83	16
Ministry of Tourism	156	31
Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)	82366	7550
Department of Mines (Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited)	3	—
Ministry of Water Resources	1758	233
Ministry of Fertilizers (Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd.)	7	—
Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited	2327	260
Madras Fertilizers Limited	2389	285
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Hindustan Latex Ltd.)	2	—
Central Health Services (GDMOs Cadre & CGHS of Guwahati, RHO Shillong, RHO Imphal & Assam Rifles)	142	51
National Malaria Eradication Programme	109	21
Ministry of HRD (National Service Scheme, Guwahati)	12	1
Planning Commission	233	35
Unit Trust of India	15	5
TOTAL:	154511	16399